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QUESTION OF DECLARING 1995 INTERNATIONAL YEAR TO OBSERVE
THE ONE THOUSANDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MANAS EPIC

Azerbaijan*, Chile, Kazakhstan*, Kyrgyzstan*, Mongolia*,
Republic of Moldova*, Tajikistan* and Turkey*:
draft resolution

International Year for the millenium of the
Kyrgyz national epic "Manas"

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that proclamation of 1995 as international year for the
millenium of the Kyrgyz national epic Manas corresponds to the principles of the
World Decade for Cultural Development, 1/

Taking into consideration that Manas has been a vital link sustaining and
uniting the peoples of Central Asia throughout their long history,

Recognizing that the epic is not only the source of the Kyrgyz language and
literature but also the foundation of the cultural, moral, historical, social
and religious traditions of the Kyrgyz people,

Keeping in mind that the epic proclaims the common ideals and values of
humanity,

* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic
and Social Council.

1/ General Assembly resolution 41/87.

Recognizing the contribution that an international year for the millenium of the Kyrgyz national epic Manas could make to the cultural human heritage and to the furtherance of international cooperation and understanding,

Noting the freedom-loving legacy of the epic for the nations of the region,

Taking note of the ideas and principles contained in the Memory of the World programme of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

1. Proclaims 1995 International Year for the millenium of the Kyrgyz National Epic Manas;
 2. Invites the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to assume the role of lead organization for the international year;
 3. Encourages the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in cooperation with the Government of Kyrgyzstan and other interested organizations, to prepare suggestions on the observance of the international year and submit them to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session;
 4. Suggests that the United Nations Secretariat and specialized agencies provide all possible cooperation to the Government of Kyrgyzstan in realizing at the United Nations and throughout its system the activities related to the international year.
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